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TODAY and TOMORROW

Lawrence Prattles

WHEN the Labour Party came to power, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose declared that the new Labour Government would make the least difference to India. In a few days, even the few Indians who were inclined to expect great concessions to come as a gift from the new Government were bitterly disillusioned. They thought that there would be no India Secretary in the new Government. They believed that even if the new British Government were unwilling to make any revolutionary changes, they would at least stand by Bevin's emphatic declaration that if Labour came to power, that very day the India Office would be abolished and that India would be transferred to the Dominions Office. After long and deliberate silence over all protests and expressions of hope, Prime Minister Attlee announced the appointment of Pethick-Lawrence to the post of Secretary of State for India.

And yet there were Indians who wanted to pretend that the appointment of an India Secretary was only an interim arrangement and that Pethick-Lawrence would only wind up the India Office and hand over charge of Indian affairs to the Dominions Office.

But now there need be no more guessing and argument. Lord Pethick-Lawrence speaks out at a Press Conference of Indian journalists, the old old platitude that equal partnership between Britain and India was his ideal and the goal to be reached. At the same time he warned the Indian people that this ideal and goal were really impossible of achievement. By saying that the responsibility was too great for him and that the ideal could be reached only by goodwill and co-operation, Pethick-Lawrence has indicated that the new British Government wants complete submission and implicit obedience from the Indian people and their leaders.

The new Secretary of State is gifted with a tongue possessing the most oily supply of unguent. He speaks of high principles and sound ideals to hoodwink India and the world. In this respect Amery was definitely a better man for India. He was very outspoken and strong in statements. Indians knew how and where he stood. He helped to keep up the national spirit burning.

Indians should not expect any radical changes from the Labour Government. Those who still believe that India will get her independence as a gift from the British are living in a fool's paradise. Never in the history of the world has any nation got its independence as a bounty. Freedom is the fruit of selfless sacrifice. India is not an exception to this universal truth. If Indians wants to enjoy the benefits of freedom they have to pay the price of it. Only through force of arms and selfless sacrifice can India expect to attain her cherished goal.

FOE DEATH TOLL DAILY MOUNTING IN BALIK PAPAN

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Thirty Percent Of Enemy Combat Personnel Lost

A Nippon Base on the Southern Front, August 9 (Domei)—Incessant storming attacks by Nippon forces all along the Balik Papan front have taken a mounting toll of enemy lives after having checked the advance of the enemy. As the result of our organized storming tactics, the enemy forces have already lost 30 per cent of their total combat personnel since they landed at Balik Papan.

In the course of the past month enemy forces have only been able to occupy a part of Balik Papan City and Manggar and Soepingan airfields. Worried over the failure of their operations, enemy forces recently attempted to advance along the Samarinda Road. However, upon meeting our ironwall defence lines, they have been stopped.

Meanwhile, our daring storming parties are continuing their intrepid assaults and exacting a heavy toll of enemy lives. On Aug. 5 our storming unit surprise-attacked two enemy trucks laden with troops on the Sambodja-Manggar Road and annihilated the enemy force of 70 troops. When part of the enemy forces attempted to attack our positions our storm troops easily beat them off.

On the other hand, enemy aircraft have been carrying on persistent attacks on our positions on the Samarinda Road and in the Tempaton sector but no change whatever has occurred in our defence lines in these sectors. Our powerful storming parties are continuing their fierce fighting with the highest morale. On July 29 and 30, huge conflagrations were observed in the vicinity of Number 2 Airfield from Sangasanga, attesting to the activities of our storming units.

Our death-defying troops are known to have killed or wounded 157 enemy troops on Aug. 4 and 5, besides blasting five enemy motor trucks.

Lone Enemy Super Fort Downed Over Muroran

Tokyo, August 9 (Domei)—A lone super-fort was shot down over the vicinity of Muroran, Hokkaido, yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, 200 super-forts and 50 fighters penetrated into Seibu Army District yesterday morning and attacked the air facilities and communications system.

Rejection Of Sri Lanka Reform Bill Condemned By All-Ceylon Congress

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Move For United National Front; Immigrants To Be Given Full Citizenship

A Colombo dispatch on Wednesday stated that the Ceylon National Congress, which is a non-communal political organization, has condemned the rejection of the Sri Lanka Bill by the Secretary for the Colonies, and reiterated the demand for immediate recognition by the British Government of Ceylon's right to independence.

The Congress has decided to take steps to forge a united national front of organizations representative of all sections of the country supporting this stand. The Congress is of the opinion that all immigrants now resident in Ceylon be granted full citizenship and allowed to enjoy all rights and share all responsibilities with other nationals in Ceylon.

Britain Responsible For Simla Conference Fiasco, Soviet Magazine Asserts

Attributing the failure of the Simla Conference to Britain, and discussing the situation in India following the Conference, the Soviet magazine "New Times" states: "The Simla Conference proved that the real obstacles to solution of Indian problems are not so much contradictions between parties, as certain policies of influential circles in Britain." This paper's outspoken comment is a clear indication that the British could not hoodwink the Russian people as to the real causes of the failure of the Simla talks, as they did the Americans.

New Imperial Household Set Up Is Announced

Tokyo, Aug. 10 (Domei)—A new office of the Household of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince following the granting of Imperial sanction will be officially established, effective Aug. 10, the Imperial Household Ministry announced. The Imperial Household Ministry also announced the appointment of Baron Shigeto Hozumi as Lord Steward and concurrently Grand Chamberlain to His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince, who is attending the sixth year course of the Elementary Department of the Peers' School in the best of health.

Baron Shigeto Hozumi, who has been graciously granted the Government Service rank of Shinninkan, hails from Tokyo. An authority on Nippon civil law, Baron Hozumi, who is at present Professor Emeritus of Tokyo Imperial University, holds an important position in the Imperial Household Ministry.

Major-General Chennault's Successor Named

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Lisbon, August 8 (Domei)—Major-General Charles B. Stone has been appointed Commander of the United States 14th Air Force in China, succeeding Major-General Claire Chennault, who recently resigned, according to a Chungking dispatch.

Transport Problem In Western Europe Acute

Lisbon, August 9 (Domei)—With transportation facilities in Western Europe seriously disorganized as a result of the war, thousands of men and women pedalling cycle tractors is suggested as one of the means of averting widespread death through cold and starvation, according to a London dispatch.

A cycle tractor, with men seated in it cycling as if on a bicycle, it is thought, would be a substitute for coal-driven locomotives and fuel-driven motor-cars.

MAJOR NATIVE STATES TO FORM DEMOCRATIC AUTONOMOUS UNIT IN FREE AND LIBERATED INDIA

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New India Secretary Preaches Sermon On India's Co-operation

Secretary of State for India, Pethick-Lawrence at a press conference with Indian journalists in London on Wednesday declared that an equal partnership between Britain and India and Burma was the ideal he had set before himself and the goal to be reached.

Pethick Lawrence expressed his sense of the magnitude of responsibility which has been placed upon him, but he expressed confidence that with sincerity, goodwill and co-operation much could be accomplished.

In this connection it should be noted that this is not the first time we are hearing expressions of high ideals and goodwill towards India from British statesmen. In fact every Secretary of State for India before him, and every Viceroy has expressed similar sentiments. What Indians wanted to hear from him was a definite statement of policy which he failed to do. He excused himself under the plea that he has not had sufficient time to acquaint himself with the many problems of his office.

States Conference Passes Momentous Resolution

A New Delhi report received here last Wednesday said that the Standing Committee of the All-India States Peoples' Conference meeting in Srinagar, has adopted a resolution expressing the opinion that no arrangement made by the British Government in the past should be allowed to come in the way of the destiny of the Indian people, in which the people of the Indian States must inevitably take a fuller share.

The Standing Committee reiterates that the objective of the people of the Indian States is the establishment of full responsible government in the States as an integral part of India. The major States, says the resolution, should form a democratic autonomous unit in a Free India.

The resolution then calls upon the people of the States to prepare themselves in every way to realize this objective, and to be ready to assume the burdens and responsibilities that this would involve. The resolution adds that the Standing Committee trusts that the rul of States will also realize t there is no other way open them or to their people, and will co-operate in this great and noble endeavour which has the promise of redeeming 100 million people.

Competent circles, commenting on this resolution of the Standing Committee of the States Peoples' Conference declare that the resolution is a sure indication that the people of States have awakened and will no longer submit to the autocratic will of despotic rulers who should have disappeared long ago from India but for the support and backing of the satannic and equally despotic British Government which always aligns itself with reactionary elements in the country.

Another instance of the awakening of the Indian masses is to be had in the meeting of Kisan Workers held in Allahabad on Tuesday when it was decided to form an independent peasant organization in the country. It was also decided to take up the work of organizing provincial peasant organizations all over the country.

Azad Hind Fauj Gazette Announces Promotion

The Azad Hind Fauj Gazette, dated July 14, announces the following further promotions in the Azad Hind Fauj (Medical Section):

Captain Waryam Singh Dhillon, Captain Gurbud Singh Chima and Captain Jagadish Mitra have been promoted to the rank of Majo.

Indonesian Residents In Nippon Jubilant

(By Abdullah Kamil, Special Correspondent)

Tokyo, August 9 (Domei)—Great jubilation prevails among Indonesians in Nippon on learning of the announcement of early independence for the East Indies issued by the Headquarters of the Nippon Army in the Southern Regions. All agree that with the establishment of the independence preparatory committee in the middle of this month, final steps will be completed for achievement of the much-cherished goal of the 70 million people.

As news of the proposed committee reached Indonesians here on the first day of the holy fasting month Ramadan, it was regarded as the greatest fasting present ever received by Indonesians. "One more step and then the goal—this was the opinion of all Indonesians here."

Interviewed this morning, Soewanto, President of "Serikat Indonesia", Association of Indonesian Residents in Nippon, said: "We share the gladness and gratitude of all our people in Indonesia on hearing of the announcement of the establishment of the independence preparatory committee, which will not only be the final step toward realizing the freedom of our country, but which will also mean a big step forward toward our ideal of 'Indonesia Raya'—a free, united state of Indonesia."

Soewanto said there are more than 100 Indonesian students in Nippon, far away from their native land, who have shown a marked increase in patriotism and unity. "In witnessing the daily sacrifices of Nippon people they have become imbued with a similar spirit of sacrifice for the sake of their own nation. This will contribute not a little in making them good leaders of Indonesia," he declared. He added these students no doubt put forth redoubled energy enthusiasm in undertaking ir study and will return home ell fortified by their education here to contribute greatly to the progress of independent Indonesia.

Djoemali, radio announcer, was reading the eventful news in the newspaper with beaming face when your correspondent visited him this morning. "Well, independence soon", he exclaimed, adding: "This is surely great news. At last our goal is in full sight."

He said he strongly believed that in a few months from today Indonesian independence as recognized by Nippon will be an established fact. He said: "A united and independent Indonesia will surely be a great ctor toward the establishment world peace. With independence, the history of colonization in Indonesia will be a thing of the past."

Foe Airbases & Vessels In Okinawa Area Bombed

Tokyo, August 9 (Domei)—The Nippon air force carried out a successful night attack on the Okinawa sector last night.

According to a dispatch reaching from a Nippon base in the n-western Islands this morning, our airmen struck at enemy airfields Main Okinawa Island and also ce craft in adjacent waters during Wednesday night. Returning members of our air force reported that a big fire was caused to start in the target area on Iyejima Island, northwest of Main Okinawa Island, while a point in the Naka airfields on Okinawa was also set ablaze.

Striking at enemy surface vessels our air force sank one enemy warcraft and damaged another, both of unidentified category.

U.S. Communist Journal Supports Yenan Charges

Lisbon, August 9 (Domei)—Charges made by the Yenan regime that Chungking troops are using American-made arms against them are strongly supported by the American Communist mouthpiece the Daily Worker. The paper questioned why "the absence of any recognition by the State Department of American responsibility in this deadly serious affair . . . why American guns are being used to pursue civil war in China, what measures are being taken to halt such crimes and guarantee against repetition."

Meanwhile, the Herald Tribune editorially in the same vein declared the China Reds' complaint emphasized once again the need of careful re-examination of American policies. It said Lieut.-General Albert C. Wedemeyer admits the charge may be true, but says arms were not supplied by him. He disclosed some war supplies have been stolen which is not unusual in China, and this may be an explanation of the Communist complaint, the paper added.

"No matter what the cause however, it is outrageous if American guns are used in civil conflict in which America is not and should not be a participant," the Herald Tribune continued Chinese Reds' complaint emphasizes once again the need of careful re-examination of American policies in the Orient. One of these policies for which Ambassador Hurley in Chungking seems chiefly responsible, has been to identify American interests completely with those of the Kuomintang Government of China. There have been strong hints recently that the Hurley line would be abandoned and it is to be hoped these hints are correct."

The Herald Tribune urged recognition of Communists strength which arises from the popular support they won through agarian reform encouraged though most Americans would reject for themselves the long-term program of the Communists who are undoubtedly Marxists despite propaganda efforts that paint them as mere agrarian reformers.

The most hopeful aspects of the Kuomintang-Reds' quarrel, the Herald Tribune said, is that Chungking liberals gaining prestige has been improving the efficiency of Kuomintang rule. "This may add to the Kuomintang's popular support especially if liberals are able to overcome eactionaries at capital and make the promised constitution a reasonably democratic instrument. From the American viewpoint it would be highly desirable to see Chungking liberals gain ascendancy and have this followed by political settlement which would unify China. Until there is such a settlement however, most careful precautions should be taken to make sure American machine-guns are not used to kill Chinese with whom Americans have no quarrel," the Herald Tribune concluded.

Twenty-Four Foe Raiders Blasted Over N. Kyushu

Fukuoka, August 9 (Domei)—Nippon interceptors and anti-aircraft batteries are known by 3.00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to have shot down at least 12 enemy planes and seriously crippled a dozen others in the course of interception operations yesterday when some 260 enemy aircraft attacked northern Kyushu.

The communique released by the Seibu Army District Command Headquarters at 3.00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon said some 120 Mariana-based super-forts and about 110 Okinawa-based heavy and medium bombers, escorted by some 30 fighters, appeared over northern Kyushu from about 8.40 Wednesday morning. The communique added the main force of these raiders attacked strategic points in the northern part of Kyushu, while part of them raided our airfields in Fukuoka, and Nagasaki prefectures. All enemy planes withdrew by about 11.30 a.m.

The communique further added that damage sustained on our side is under investigation with preliminary reports indicating that damage caused was negligible. It also indicated that the day's interception results of 12 enemy planes downed and as many damaged are expected to be further boosted when complete operational reports are made available.

$17,021.60 Netted In Charity Football Match

The Charity Football Match played between the Azad Hind Fauj XI and a Syonan Indian XI on the Jalan Besar Sfadium on July 15 in aid of the Distress Relief Fund has netted a sum of $17,021.60.

H.E. Col. Habib-Ur-Rahman Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff, Azad Hind Fauj, gratefully thanks all those persons who bought special tickets of $100 and above and who had helped in the sale of special tickets. The list of persons who bought special tickets is given below:

N. V. Vangadasalam $101, Kasewar $101, Ram Chandar $101, Messrs Lingam Bros. $201, Karunakaran Nair $101, Suruh Guala $101, A. C. Suppiah $101, Srimati N. V. Pillai $100, R. Valayathan $101, N. V. Pilley $100, Raja Ram $101, Ranji Tiwaree $101, Mamadave $101, Mahabir Misra $100, Ratnam $101, Messrs. Rochor Das Purshotam Das $100, Messrs Rochor Das Purshotam Das $100, E. J. Motiwala (5 tickets each $100) $500, Janab Mohd. Sadiq $500, Gopi Nath Dubey $100, N. Krishnan $100, K. Abdul Shakkur of 7 Mansoor Street besides buying one complete $10 book for $500, has promised to pay $50 per month towards this fund.

New Tug-Boats Bolster Malai Coastal Shipping

Alor Star, August 8 (Domei)—Since the beginning of May, a certain shipbuilding yard in Northern Malai has launched five large-size towing craft which when fitted out with diesel motors, will be capable of pulling three or four 100-ton vessels at the speed of six to seven knots, it was learned today.

Great interest is being attached by shipping circles to these new type tug-boats, which are expected to bolster greatly Malai coastwise shipping.

Cambodian Minister Pays Tribute To Nippon Spirit

Tokyo, Aug. 9 (Domei)—"Nippon is the only nation left in the world whose profession of international morality can be trusted, and Asiatic traditions and Asiatic nations can be truthfully said to be typified and represented by Nippon."

This is the opinion of Son Ngoc Thanh, Foreign Minister of the Cambodian Government, expressed in an article appearing in today's issue of the Nippon Times.

The Cambodian Foreign Minister, paying tribute to Nippon's heroic Special Attack Corps, said the valiant spirit of the Corps "has been nurtured in the blood of the Nippon race for thousands of years. It is the true expression of the Yamato spirit," he added.

He said this spirit can really be understood by Asiatics only and "it is the highest expression of self-sacrifice. What profoundly shook the souls of Asiatic youths, causing them to resolve to offer their blood and flesh for the protection of their nations, was the advent of the Nippon Special Attack Corps and a new glorious road has been opened to Asiatic youths," he said. He added there is no room for doubt that Cambodian youths will find the same spirit among themselves and fully demonstrate it.

Bitterly criticizing the enemy's methods of warfare, he said: 'The barbarous Americans are completely disregarding the rules of international morality, not to mention international law. Brute force which they call justice, dominates the war strategy of the Americans who are aiming solely to advance their own ends. It is a mistake to think that these modern vandals can conquer Nippon. Despite the fact that enemy air-raids have thrown many Nippon nationals into great hardships .....their morale remains as steadfast as ever."

Branding the Anglo-Saxons as materialists, the Cambodian Foreign Minister asserted Asiatics stand on a much higher and richer plane in this world than the Anglo-Americans, who cannot grasp the meaning of happiness outside of that derived from the flesh. "The Nippon people have aspirations higher than the attainment of their individual ends. This explains their amazing power of recovery after enemy air-raids," he stated.

Nippon Firm In Perak Producing Auto Tubes

Taiping, August 8 (Domei)—Malai motor transportation has been given a significant boost through the successful experiment of the Toyo Kozan Company in Perak to manufacture automobile tyre tubes, according to a report received here.

It was revealed that ever since the first production test on July 15, the Company's rubber plant has been turning out durable tyre tubes, the shortage of which has been one of Malai's chief transportation handicaps.

The Company at present is aiming to attain production of 1,000 tubes per month. With the expansion of the plant's present facilities, the Company is expected to swing into full mass production, solving Malai's tube shortage problem.

The Company also has succeeded in producing tube valves from copper tubing.

Ramadan Celebrated By Nippon Muslims

Tokyo, August 10 (Domei)—Congratulations over the imminent independence of Indonesia were expressed Wednesday, on the eve of the Moslem fasting month "Ramadan", by Imam Muhammed Amin, Islamic Chief Priest.

The Imam stated: "Here in Tokyo and other places in Nippon, we Mohammedans of various races are holding from Wednesday night our evening prayers while from the bottom of our hearts, we wish all the greatest happiness and fortitude to all Indonesians who are concentrating all efforts for the early attainment of the national and economic independence of their country."

Asserting that this year's "Ramadan" will be a fasting month with particular significance to Indonesians, he ended his message by wishing Indonesians the best of luck in their present task of achieving the independence of their country.

"The mountain of success is not easy to climb, but, nevertheless, it is not impossible to reach the top," he said.

Independence Promise Arouses Malais Here

Syonan, August 9 (Domei)—Making a clarion call to the youth of Malai to stand up and defend their Motherland and to be proud of the fact that the future independence of the East Indies is assured, Tuan Onan Haji Siraj, Malai member of the Syonan Advisory Council and popular Malai leader, on the occasion of the 44th Imperial Rescript Observance Day yesterday emphatically declared that the news of the formation of the preparatory committee for East Indies independence proves Nippon's sincere wish to create an Asia for Asiatics.

With the future destiny of the 70-million Indonesians lying in their won hands, the Malai leader pointed out, that Nippon's promise to grant them independence has stirred Malais and Indonesians alike to fight to the very last drop of their blood for the achievement of Greater East Asia's victory.

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